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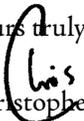
Dear Neighbors,

With new leadership in the General Assembly and in the Governor's office, the 2005 legislative session was filled with new opportunity. This breath of fresh air allowed us to rack up several major accomplishments during the session.

Helping Wolcott keep its property taxes down was my chief concern this year. I am proud to have pushed the legislature to dramatically increase funding for Wolcott, and on the other side of this card you'll find a chart detailing the increased state aid that will be coming to our town.

I have also included a short list of additional issues that were addressed. Because of the space constraints in this report, I'd like to make sure that you know that additional and more detailed information is available on my website. If you have additional concerns or questions, you can call my office.

Yours truly,


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STATE AID

FOR THE TOWN OF
WOLCOTT

Overall, Wolcott will receive \$600,827 more in state aid than last year to assist with school budgets, maintain roads and help pay for other general services.

	FY 04–05	FY 05–06	INCREASE FROM FY 04–05
State Aid for Road Repairs	\$98,337	\$137,830	\$39,493
State Aid for Schools	\$11,067,251	\$11,634,481	\$567,230
Totals	\$11,165,588	\$11,772,311	\$606,723



YOUR STATE SENATOR CHRISTOPHER MURPHY

2005 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Strengthening Ethics in Government

- Created an Office of State Ethics—an independent, stand-alone agency designed to replace the State Ethics Commission and remove politics from the oversight process

Protecting the Environment

- Established a farmland preservation/affordable housing program to create a fund of approximately \$30 million per year for farmland and open space preservation, affordable housing and historic preservation

Helping Working Families

- Saved the HUSKY health insurance program for low-income adults from budget cuts
- Increased the minimum wage to \$7.40 an hour in 2006 and to \$7.65 an hour in 2007

Providing Opportunity for Students

- Passed one of the largest expansions of the School Readiness program since its inception
- Supported our state colleges and universities with an additional \$52 million more than originally proposed

Ensuring Access to Health Care

- Improved health care coverage by requiring certain insurance companies to cover certain fertility treatments and ultrasound breast cancer screenings when recommended by a physician